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Applicants are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated October 17, 2006 for which the Issue Fee was paid on December 5, 2006 for the above-referenced application.

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